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Governor Bruce Rauner  
Office of the Governor  
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Dear Governor Rauner:

The tax reform legislation Congress passed last December included language directing state governors to nominate low income community census tracts as "Opportunity Zones." Chosen tracts will receive increased investment given the preferential tax treatment provided to investors who finance the economic growth of chosen tracts.

As you work to nominate Illinois' "Opportunity Zones," I ask that you give full consideration to tracts located within Illinois' 13th congressional district. As our economy continues to recover from the recent recession, rural communities have been the slowest to recover. Choosing tracts within Illinois' 13th congressional district will speed up the economic recovery of the areas within our state that need it the most by incentivizing investment there.

Under your direction, these nominations can significantly impact the economic recovery of our state. I want to thank you for continuing the work my colleagues and I started last year, when we passed tax reform to provide economic relief for so many who struggled under the old tax system. Thank you for the consideration of my request, and I look forward to your announcement of which tracts you choose to nominate as "Opportunity Zones."

Respectfully,



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